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April 28, 2015

Holly Wolcott  
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200 North Spring Street, Room 224  
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Re: Hollywood Courthouse located at 5925 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles (APNs 5545-003-900 and 5545-003-901) (“Hollywood Courthouse”) in Hollywood Entertainment District Business Improvement District (“Hollywood BID”); and

San Pedro Courthouse located at 505 South Centre Street, San Pedro, CA (APN 7455-013-901) in the Historic Waterfront (San Pedro) Business Improvement District (“San Pedro BID”)

Dear Ms. Wolcott:

This letter is sent to notify you that the Judicial Council of California will be processing for payment the invoices for the above-referenced BID assessments dating back to FY 11-12.

As you are aware from previous correspondence, the Judicial Council has been objecting to these assessments on the basis that Section 4 of Article XIIIID of the California Constitution provides that “[n]o assessment shall be imposed on any parcel which exceeds the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on that parcel.” Courthouse parcels, unlike private parcels, do not receive any special benefit from the portion of the assessments which are utilized

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towards commerce-related services (e.g. business attraction, marketing promotion, advertising for special events, and advocacy for business owners).

We believe that the courthouse parcels are similarly situated to the non-profit properties and school parcels in the Hollywood BID which are exempt from the commerce-related portion of the assessment by the Hollywood BID. However, courthouse parcels arguably do receive some special benefits from maintenance and streetscape services as well as safety and security services. Accordingly, when the BIDs next come up for renewal, unless the method of apportionment for the BIDs are revised to reflect the unique circumstances surrounding the courthouse parcels by eliminating the portion of assessments that relate to providing commerce-related services (e.g. business attraction, marketing, promotion, advertising for special events, and advocacy for business owners), the Judicial Council of California will object to the renewal of the BID.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,



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cc: Kerry Morrison, Executive Director, Hollywood Entertainment District  
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